Sl. No.	N.E. Railway
103.	Nainpur
104.	Waltair
105.	Khurda Road
106.	Mancheswar
	Western Railway
107.	Mumbai Central
108.	Balsar
109.	Ratlam
110.	Kota
111.	Ajmer
112.	Jaipur
113.	Rajkot
114.	Gandhi Dham
115.	Ranapratap Nagar
116.	Dahod
117.	Sabarmati
118.	Pratapnagar
119.	Gangapur City
120.	Bandikuin
121.	Abu Road
122.	Bhavnagar Para

Expansion of Kendriya Vidyalayas

1440. SHRI PARAG CHAL1HA:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering any proposal to bring Kendriya Vidyalayas under Plan-budget to ensure their speedy expansion, both quantitative and qualitative; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 13.50 crores, including Rs. 3.00 crores for setting up of Zonal institutes of Education and Training, was sanctioned to Kendriya Vidyalaya San-gathan under Plan budget during 1995-96 for improvement of academic activities and infrastructural facilities.

देवास से मक्सी के बीच रेल लाइन बिछाया जाना

1441. श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में देवास से मक्सी के बीच बड़ी रेल लाइन बिछाने सम्बन्धी परियोजना को स्वीकृति दी जा चुकी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त परियोजना पूरी होने की निर्धारित तिथि क्या है;

(ग) इस परियोजना के पूरे होने में विलम्ब के क्या कारण है तथा 31 मार्च, 1996 तक इस कार्य में कितनी प्रगति हुई है; और

(घ) इस परियोजना को त्वरित गति से पूरा करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए है।

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) जी हां।

(ख) देवास से मक्सी तक की लाइन का कार्य 9वीं योजना अवधि में पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है।

(ग) विलंब का मुख्य कारण संसाधनों की तंगी है। मिट्टी संबंधी एवं पुलों का कार्य प्रगति पर है।

(घ) कार्य की प्रगति के बारे में रेलवे को कहा गया है। उपर्युक्त लक्ष्य को पूरा करने के लिए धन एवं सामग्री की व्यवस्था की जाएगी।

Proposed IIM in Calicut

1442. SHRI THENNALA BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the proposed Indian Institute of Management is going to start its academic year in Calicut;

(b) the amount spent on it so far;

(c) the amount of fund which has been allocated so far; and

(d) the number of seats which shall be available under the course?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) The Government is making all efforts to commence the academic session of the Indian Institute of Management, Calicut from the year 1997-98. A total outiay of Rs. 43.11 crore, upto the end of the Ninth Plan period, has been approved for the institute, and for 1996-97 an amount of Rs. 1.00 crore has been allocated. Pending registration of the Society, no grant has been released so far. In the first year of the academic session, total intake of students will be 50 for the Post Gradu-° ate Programme in Management.

Distance Education

1443. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the distance education is considered as an alternative method of providing education to the masses of the rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for charging high fees from the students belonging to the poor families in the rural areas in the country; and

(c) the effective measures taken by Government to fix the minimum/reasonable fees for the various courses and programmes available at the Indira Gandhi National Open University, in the interest of the poor people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) Act, 1985 provides access to higher education for large segments of the population, and in particular, the disadvantaged groups such as those living in remote rural areas through distance education mode. The university provides to all its students self-instructional learning packages of high quality produced by teams of experts drawn from all parts of the country. IGNOU's policy for charging fees envisages recovery of the part of the cost of production of these materials and also cost of various services provided to the students such as counselling, practicals, work experience, assignments and conduct of examinations etc. Programmes which involve larger components of prac-ticals/work experience attract a higher fee where programmes which do not have practical components are charged a lower level of fee. Considering the fact that IGNOU does not fully recover the recurring cost incurred on its students, there is no possibility of the University reducing the fee presently charged.

Development of horticulture in Orissa

1444. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope for the development of horticulture in Orissa;

(b) if so, the fund allocation made for the purpose during the Eighth Plan, year-wise; and

(c) the specific steps taken during the said period to develop horticulture, with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISH-RA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Year-wise funds released to Orissa State for development of horticulture during VIII Plan are as under:—

Year	Funds released (Rs. in lakhs)
1992-93	62.52
1993-94	278.00
1994-95	298.57
1995-96	366.47